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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately following the title, insert the following:

-- This disclosure is based upon, and claims priority from French Patent Application

No. 98/03483, filed March 20, 1998, and International Application No. PCT/FR99/00292,

filed February 10, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention--